WATER OUTAGESafety Guidelines For Food Facilities

Food facilities experiencing a water outage MUST notify the Department of Environmental Health, Food & Housing Division:

- Call (619) 338-2379 or leave message at (619) 338-2198
 - Email fhdutyeh@sdcounty.ca.gov

*Please state business name, address, phone number with area code, and date & time of outage.

*The best precaution to take during a water outage is to cease food & beverage operations immediately.

Here are some precautions you are advised to take:

- ✓ Establishments may remain open if they can provide
 - drinkable, (potable) emergency water
 - warm water to wash hands and cooking utensils
- single service sets (utensils, dishes, glasses) must be used to serve the public
- commercially bottled water must be provided for food preparation
- *temporary hand-washing equipment* a container of clean, warm water with a spigot that allows hands-free washing, soap and towels in every food preparation area.
- ✓ No preparation of *potentially hazardous foods* may be done in the facility. Prepared foods from another *approved supplier* may be allowed.
- ✓ Bars are approved to serve *bottled beverages only*, unless they meet the above requirements.
- ✓ Establishments selling only 100% prepackaged food may remain open.
- ✓ Establishments selling unpackaged foods that cannot provide water must remain closed.
- ✓ Operable toilet facilities with hand washing facilities must be available within a reasonable walking distance from the food facility.

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